## **BALANCED BUDGET RECONCILIATION/Medicare and Hospitals**

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995 . . . S. 1357. Specter amendment No. 2985.

## **ACTION: AMENDMENT REJECTED, 47-52**

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 1357, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1995, will result in a balanced budget in seven years, as scored by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The bill will also provide a \$245 billion middle-class tax cut, \$141.4 billion of which will be to provide a \$500 per child tax credit.

**The Specter amendment** would strike the section on disproportionate share hospital payments (thereby restoring \$4.5 billion in spending).

The amendment was offered after all debate time had expired. However, by unanimous consent, 1 minute of debate was permitted on the amendment.

## Those favoring the amendment contended:

This bill will cut \$14.5 billion from disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments and indirect medical education. This cut will cripple major hospitals and teaching institutions. The Specter amendment would ameliorate the damage by eliminating the \$4.5 billion DSH cut.

## **Those opposing** the amendment contended:

We have been working on the precise formula on this issue for weeks on end in a bipartisan manner. The Specter amendment would throw out all that effort by throwing into the pot an extra \$4.5 billion. We urge Senators to reject this last minute spending proposal.

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YEAS (47)			NAYS (52)			NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans	<b>Democrats</b> (44 or 96%)		Republicans (50 or 94%)		Democrats (2 or 4%)	Republicans	Democrats (0)
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